

FAITHFUL

Foundational Practice: Celebrating the Work of God

This week, we are focusing on our foundational practice of Celebrating the Work of God. We mark moments, make memories, and joyfully delight in life with God! We call out God's work in one another's lives and praise the One who created and delights in us (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). What was the best thing that happened to you this past week that you can celebrate with your group?

1. Have someone recap the message in about a minute or two and then **Read Joshua 8:1-35 as a Life Group.** What stands out to you in this passage and why? What caught your attention in the teaching of this passage?
2. Brad mentions, "When we experience spiritual failure, the first thing to do is turn to God. By turning to God, you experience confession and repentance, the real glory of what it means to walk with God." In what ways do you struggle to turn to God because of your shame and guilt from your spiritual failure?
3. What does it look like to obey God when dealing with spiritual failure?
 - Ask for forgiveness & Seek restoration of relationships (Matthew 5:23-24).
 - Make amends (Romans 12:18), and owe nothing to anyone (Romans 13:8).

What are the areas of your life you need to seek forgiveness or restoration of a relationship? Are there amends you need to make? Share with the group.

"If we can treat all setbacks as temporary, then we begin to handle spiritual failure as part of the process."

-BRAD BELL

4. How do you handle spiritual failure? You go back to the Word of God (Proverbs 16:20). What about spiritual failure keeps us from trusting God? When was the last time you read God's Word without any distractions or feelings of failure?
5. Read Romans 7:18. What's one thing you believe God wants you to know about your spiritual failure from this passage? Remember, God is bigger than our spiritual failures, and He can use them as part of our sanctification.

CLOSING CHALLENGE

Break out in groups of 2 or 3, share one spiritual failure you are experiencing right now, and pray for each other. Remember, the way back when experiencing spiritual failure is to Turn to God, Obey God, and Go back to the Word of God.